Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A profile access mediator (10) provides to a plurality of service providers (16, 18, 20) a controlled and logically centralized access to personal profiles stored in a local or distributed database (12). The access to the databases (12) containing user, service or terminal profiles is controlled and tracked by means of a plurality of personalized access technologies which are dependent on the typology of the data involved. Such a scheme allows a for better control of the data access, more efficiency in the security and accounting processes, as well as in the data access in general.